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RE: RANCHO SAHUARITA WATER COMPANY, LLC - CURTAILMENT PLAN
TARIFF (DOCKET NO. W-03718A-02-0821)BACKGROUND

On November 4, 2002, Rancho Sahuarita Water Company ("Rancho Sahuarita" or "Company") filed an application with the Commission requesting approval of a curtailment plan. On November 14, 2002, Rancho Sahuarita filed a revised curtailment plan. Signage information was added to the plan which had been inadvertently omitted from the plan filed on November 4, 2002. In the same filing, the Company agreed to waive the normal 30-day time period allowed to process its filing so the filing could be held for the Commission's December 17 and 18, 2002 Open Meetings. The purpose of the curtailment plan is to establish guidelines for the management or restriction of water use by customers when Rancho Sahuarita is experiencing a water shortage emergency. The curtailment plan proposed by Rancho Sahuarita is based on Staff's Curtailment Plan Tariff template and is similar to the curtailment plans of other water companies recently approved by this Commission. The curtailment plan will be implemented as a company tariff and will also be incorporated into the Company's Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Emergency Operation Plan.

Rancho Sahuarita is a public service corporation which serves development in the Town of Sahuarita in Pima County. The Company's water system consists of three wells, one storage tank and four pressure tanks and distribution mains. There are 284 service connections.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approval of the curtailment plan, as filed by the Company.

Staff further recommends that this curtailment plan become part of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Emergency Operations Plan for Rancho Sahuarita.

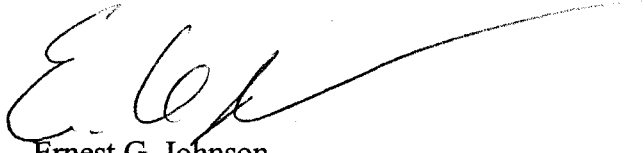
Staff further recommends that Rancho Sahuarita notify its customers of this new tariff as part of its next regularly scheduled billing or no later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this order.

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Staff further recommends that Rancho Sahuarita provide a copy of the curtailment tariff to any customer, upon request.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EGJ', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ernest G. Johnson
Director
Utilities Division

EGJ:DMH:nms/DR

ORIGINATOR: Dorothy Hains

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

2 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL
Chairman

3 JIM IRVIN
Commissioner

4 MARC SPITZER
Commissioner

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6 IN THE MATTER OF RANCHO SAHUARITA)
WATER COMPANY, LLC - REQUEST FOR)
7 APPROVAL OF A CURTAILMENT TARIFF)

DOCKET NO. W-03718A-02-0821

DECISION NO. _____

8)
9 **ORDER**

10 Open Meeting
December 17 and 18, 2002
11 Phoenix, Arizona

12 BY THE COMMISSION:

13 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

14 1. On November 4, 2002, Rancho Sahuarita Water Company, LLC ("Rancho Sahuarita" or
15 "Company") filed an application with the Commission requesting approval of a curtailment plan.

16 2. On November 14, 2002, Rancho Sahuarita filed a revised curtailment plan. Signage
17 information was added to the plan which had been inadvertently omitted from the plan filed on
18 November 4, 2002. In the same filing, the Company agreed to waive the normal 30-day time period
19 allowed to process its filing so the filing could be held for the Commission's December 17 and 18,
20 2002 Open Meetings.

21 3. The purpose of the curtailment plan is to establish guidelines for the management or
22 restriction of water use by customers when Rancho Sahuarita is experiencing a water shortage
23 emergency. The curtailment plan proposed by Rancho Sahuarita is based on Staff's Curtailment Plan
24 Tariff template and is similar to the curtailment plans of other water companies recently approved by
25 this Commission. The curtailment plan will be implemented as a company tariff and will also be
26 incorporated into the Company's Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Emergency
27 Operation Plan.

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5. Staff has recommended approval of the amended curtailment plan tariff filed by the Company on November 14, 2002. Staff has further recommended that this curtailment plan become part of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Emergency Operations Plan for Rancho Sahuarita. Staff has further recommended that Rancho Sahuarita notify its customers of this new tariff as part of its next regularly scheduled billing or no later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this order. Staff has further recommended that Rancho Sahuarita provide a copy of the curtailment tariff to any customer, upon request.

1. Rancho Sahuarita Water Company is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

3. The Commission, having reviewed the request for approval of the tariff and Staff's Memorandum dated November 27, 2002, concludes that it is in the public interest to approve the amended curtailment plan filed on November 14, 2002.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Rancho Sahuarita Water Company is authorized to implement the amended curtailment plan filed on November 14, 2002.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this curtailment plan tariff become part of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Emergency Operations Plan for Rancho Sahuarita Water Company.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Rancho Sahuarita Water Company shall not implement its
2 curtailment plan tariff until all current customers of Rancho Sahuarita Water Company have been
3 given notice of this tariff. Rancho Sahuarita Water Company shall notify its customers of the tariff
4 authorized herein as part of its next regularly scheduled billing or no later than 60 days after the
5 effective date of this Order.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Rancho Sahuarita shall provide a copy of the curtailment
7 tariff to any customer, upon request.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this decision shall become effective immediately.

9 **BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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11 CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive
13 Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have
14 hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this
Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of
Phoenix, this _____ day of _____, 2002.

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17 BRIAN C. McNEIL
18 Executive Secretary

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20 DISSENT: _____

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